

Don Davis (NC-1)



Biography

BIRTH DATE

08/29/1971

EDUCATION

BS, Social Sciences, United States Air Force Academy, 1990-1994; Attended, Commissioned Lay Pastor Program, Presbyterian Church United States of America; EdD, Educational Leadership, East Carolina Univ.; MA, Sociology, East Carolina Univ.; MS, Administration, Central Michigan Univ.

FAMILY

Wife: Yuvonka; 3 Children: Ryan, Justin, Kyler

Background

Veteran, minister, academic, and former state and local official elected to replace longtime Rep. GK Butterfield (D-NC) in Congress

Graduated from the US Air Force Academy and spent his early career as an officer before getting involved in politics

Served as mayor of his hometown Snow Hill, North Carolina, for nearly a decade; he began his term in 2001 at age 29 and chaired the Democratic Party for the surrounding congressional district

Began teaching while serving as mayor, primarily instructing sociology classes at local colleges and universities

First elected to state Senate in 2008, he lost the following cycle before winning his seat back in 2012; while in office, he has focused on expanding Medicaid, increasing the minimum wage, raising pay for state employees, and reforming the juvenile justice system to improve recidivism rates

Opted to run for Congress after longtime Rep. GK Butterfield (D-NC) announced his retirement; Davis earned Butterfield's endorsement, and successfully fended off a challenge from the left

Though Davis' district still leans Democratic, redistricting shifted more GOP-friendly Albemarle Sound-adjacent precincts into the district, making it more competitive than in past election cycles

District Profile

COOK PVI	2022 VOTE RATING	DISTRICT LOCATION
D+2	Likely D	Inland northeastern North Carolina

Election Results

2022 GENERAL	
Davis	52%
Smith	48%

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal
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